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SUMMARY.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has delivered its reserved judgment in the case of Campbell v. The A.M.P. Society.

The appeal of the plaintiff was dismissed with costs.

The design for the Commonwealth memorial has been submitted to King George V. and approved by King Edward.

Mr. Robert Harcourt (Liberal) was elected the Member for the seat of the House of Representatives.

The Housing and Town-planning Bill has been read the second time in the House of Commons.

Mr. Denbigh, Director of Colonial Affairs, is on a visit to London, enquiring into the condition of British colonial administration.

Mr. T. A. Coghlan read a paper at the Royal Colonial Institute on "The Possibilities and Prospects of Irrigation in Australia."

It was contended that an immediate extension of irrigation was indispensable if Australia was to escape the fate of the United States.

A daring attempt to escape was made by a convict in the gaol at Kaitiaki, New Zealand.

The guard shot 10 who tried to escape the prison, and others were killed inside the prison.

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill prohibiting trans-Atlantic trade.

A frontier conflict has taken place in Portugal between smugglers and Portuguese coastguards.

Some troops were mistaken by the coast-guard as a second gang of smugglers, and were fired upon with disastrous results.

During the first quarter of the current year there were 26 executions in Russia.

The Black Hand Society in New York threatened to kill Mrs. Hedy Goss, a millionaire's daughter, unless she paid the society \$500.

At the London colonial wool sales holdings were estimated, and the sales opened better than expected.

Compared with April closing rates cross-currency showed an all-round decline of 10 per cent.

Mr. William Lowe hopes to finish the tariff by Tuesday or Wednesday next.

The remains of the late Mr. Kingston, M.P., were accorded a state funeral in Adelaide.

The alcohols were conducted in a prolonged discussion of rain, which almost reached its maximum at the strait.

The Prime Minister and a number of members of the Federal Parliament were present.

The High Court has reversed the decision of the Full Court in the appeal of the Harbour Trust Commissioners v. Warden and others.

It was understood that the night officer and his assistant, who were suspended in connection with the Murrumbidgee collision, have been reinstated in the service.

Mr. Deakin said in Adelaide yesterday that he expected to be in Melbourne on the 15th.

The object of the council was, he remarked, to supply advice to all the States in relation to the tariff.

The communications were received for the St. George's church, namely, W. Taylor (Liberal), G. H. B. (Labour), and C. Connolly.

An accident occurred near Gough Island, but the ferry steamer, which was carrying a cargo of wheat, was not damaged.

The tug was towed, but the tug was not a successful one.

Mr. Higgs gave a favourable reply to a question from the Press Society which asked that the Government should be informed of the results of the investigation.

It was pointed out that the Minister pointed out, to the people that he was prepared for a possible military invasion.

Work has been commenced on the Zig-Zag tunnel.

The last Mayor declared that Sydney in the future will be a successful city.

The secret of the secret, remarks Mr. Higgs, lies in the secret.

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IRRIGATION.

PAPER BY MR. COGHLIN.

FINANCING NEW SOUTH WALES SCHEMES.

LONDON, May 13. Mr. T. A. Coghlin, Agent-General for New South Wales, read a paper at the Royal Colonial Institute yesterday on "The Feasibility and Prospects of Irrigation in Australia." The Earl of Jersey presided.

Mr. Coghlin emphasised the enormous possibilities of irrigation. He insisted that with the development of irrigation and settlement would come the salvation of the Australian pastoralist. He described six schemes of water storage in progress and contended that an immediate extension of irrigation was indispensable if Australia was to have a reasonable period.

He claimed that the construction of irrigation works immediately doubled and sometimes quadrupled the value of irrigated land. Even if the six systems projected cost £17,000,000 that would be a very moderate outlay compared with the advantages which would be reaped from the institution of irrigation.

Mr. Coghlin emphasised the striking results of irrigation in fruit culture at Milburn and Bonmahon.

Mr. J. H. Carruthers said that Australia recognised that they would never have a large population without overcoming natural disadvantages by large works for water storage. This was really an insurance against disaster to great industries. The storage of water would also aid the creation of other industries associated with intense culture and emphasized the growth of the country.

Mr. Carruthers emphasised the growth of the country. He anticipated that with a surplus of £2,000,000 this year the State would be able to finance its own great water schemes.

General Sir E. T. H. Hutton declared that all water schemes at present proposed merely touched the fringe of Australia's potentiality.

Mr. G. Riddoch, M.L.C. (South Australia), in recalling his official visits to India, America, and Egypt, and in contrasting conditions in those places with Australia, declared the latter not to rush into irrigation hastily.

Mr. A. P. Matheson also advised caution and grave consideration of the economic aspects of the question.

Senator Dobson warmly supported the introduction of irrigation on a large scale in Australia.

The Earl of Jersey said that Mr. Coghlin had made clear that irrigation was intended to assist growers of suitable crops as well as graziers and pastoralists. From that standpoint irrigation works in the long run as useful and beneficial to Australia as to India and Egypt.

The experience of Mildura and Renmark, Lord Jersey said, justified the belief that irrigation on a large scale elsewhere would prove equally satisfactory. He was glad to hear that the Government was pursuing the right course in conserving water.

Mr. Coghlin, in replying to criticisms on his paper, said that if Australia had not possessed so many pessimists she might not be enjoying the results of the productive works only now unfolded.

GERMAN COLONIAL POLICY.

HINTS FROM BRITISH ADMINISTRATION.

LONDON, May 12.

Herr Dernburg, Director of Colonial Affairs in Germany, is at present on a visit to London inquiring into the methods of British colonial administration, prior to visiting South-West Africa and British South Africa.

DARING RUSSIAN PRISONERS.

A BOMB IN GAOL.

LONDON, May 13. A daring attempt was made on Tuesday afternoon by prisoners in the gaol at Ekaterinburg, Southern Russia, to escape. A powerful bomb was thrown from the prison at the cavalry guard-room, and simultaneously prisoners tried to scale the wall. The guard shot ten, and others were killed inside the prison.

ARMORIAL BEARINGS.

COMMONWEALTH DESIGN APPROVED.

LONDON, May 13. Colonel Seely, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the design for the Commonwealth armorial bearings had been submitted to Garter King of Arms, Sir A. S. Scott-Geddy, and had been approved by King Edward.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, May 12. The wool sales opened this afternoon. There was a brisk demand. Prices, however, showed a decline of from 5 to 10 per cent. on the closing rates of last week.

AN EFFECTIVE BOWLER.

Playing for Surrey against Derbyshire, A. Marshall captured seven wickets for 41 runs. He took five wickets in 13 balls without a run being scored.

SURREY WON THE MATCH BY TEN WICKETS.

Marshall scored 50, and took five wickets for 22 runs in the second innings.

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THE MURDER SYNDICATE.

ANOTHER BODY AT LAPORTE.

THE MYSTERY OF MRS. GUINNESS.

LONDON, May 12. A doctor declares that one of the victims of the series of murders discovered on a farm at Laporte, near Chicago, was found grasping a bunch of man's hair, which suggests that Mrs. Guinness, the occupant of the farm, had a male accomplice.

Witnesses state that they saw Laporte, one of the hands on the farm who had been arrested, running from the barn in the farmhouse.

The scene is visited daily by 30,000 people, many reporters bivouacking there at night.

Another corpse has been unearthed on the farm.

May 13. A gold-colored tooth found among the debris of the farmhouse turned out to be supposed to have belonged to Mrs. Guinness, who, it was believed, had escaped to Chicago. The discovery is held to indicate that she perished in the fire.

Two dozen surgical scissors, two surgical knives, and a disk were found among the ashes of the cellar of the farmhouse. It is believed that these instruments were used to murder and dismember the victims.

MONTROSE ELECTION.

MR. R. HARCOURT THE MEMBER.

LONDON, May 13. The election for Montrose Burghs to fill the vacancy in its representation in the House of Commons, due to the elevation of Mr. Montrose to the House of Lords, was held yesterday, and resulted in the return of Mr. Robert Harcourt (Lib.), son of the late Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, by a majority of 1146 votes over Mr. Burgess, the Labour candidate. The Conservative candidate, Mr. Constable, was 301 votes below the Labour candidate. Polling was held at 10 a.m.

Mr. Robert Harcourt (Lib.)... 2083

Mr. Burgess (Lab.)... 937

Mr. Constable (Conservative)... 1576

At the general election the voting was: Right Hon. J. Morley (Lib.) 416; Colonel A. (Conservative) 322. The total votes polled increased by over 200, the Conservative vote shows a decline of more than 100. The Labour vote shows a decline of more than 100. The Liberal vote shows a decline of more than 100.

UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

PROSPECTS OF IMPROVEMENT.

LONDON, May 13. Telegrams from Washington indicate that there is a prospect of fairly satisfactory legislation dealing with the currency passing Congress in the shape of a conference bill.

This measure will authorize the establishment of banking associations for the purpose of issuing emergency circulation amounting to £100,000,000, based on securities, including commercial paper held by the national banks.

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING.

MR. JOHN BURNES'S BILL.

LONDON, May 13. The Housing and Town Planning Bill introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, was read the second time in the House yesterday without a division being called for. There were many complaints that the bill was wanting in lucidity.

The Housing of Workers and Town Planning Bill is described as the most dramatic measure of the kind yet presented to Parliament. Its dominating feature is that in almost all respects the bill is a complete re-write of the existing law. The bill is a complete re-write of the existing law. The bill is a complete re-write of the existing law.

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FIGHT WITH SMUGGLERS.

MIDNIGHT MISTAKE.

TERRIBLE FRONTIER CONFLICT.

LONDON, May 12. A gang who were smuggling tobacco from Selet entered Portugal, in the Portigal district, at midnight, when they met the Portuguese frontier guard.

A fight ensued, during which some Portuguese troops were in pursuit of the smugglers, and were mistaken for a second gang.

A terrible conflict occurred until the error was discovered. The smugglers fled to the mountains, leaving several dead, including two women.

Several soldiers on either side were wounded or killed.

THE LISBON REGICIDES.

ONLY TWO.

LONDON, May 13. Vice-Admiral Ferreira do Amaral, Premier of Portugal, stated in the Cortes yesterday that the inquiry into the assassinations of King Carlos and the Crown Prince Luis revealed that no suspicion rested on anyone except Rui and da Costa, who were killed on the spot by the King's Guards.

RISE IN CONSOLS.

LONDON, May 13. Consols yesterday rose 10s on Saturday's quotation, the price being £88.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED POISONING.

CHARGE AGAINST A SERVANT GIRL.

LONDON, May 13. At the police court to-day, before Mr. J. J. Lloyd, J.M., a young girl, Annie Maria Barrett, 18, of 10, St. James's Street, was charged with attempting to poison her mistress, Miss W. W. Barrett, 45, of 10, St. James's Street, with arsenic.

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STOCKS AND SHARES

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Queensland Investment, Land, and Mortgage Corporation, 4 per cent. debentures, unquoted.

City of Sydney 6 per cent. debentures (1912-13), £100 each, £100 par, £100 paid up.

Dalgely and Co., Ltd., unchanged at £5/15/.

Dalgely and Co., Ltd., 4 per cent. debentures, £1 lower, at £10/7/0.

Metropolitan Gas Company (Melbourne) 4 per cent. unchanged, at £100.

New South Wales Electricity Company (Australia), Ltd., 4½ per cent. debenture stocks, unchanged, at £100.

Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Company 4¼ per cent. debentures, £3 higher, at £99/10/.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Though some of the smaller banks are paying as much as 4 per cent. for two-year deposits, money is fairly abundant, and there are no very definite signs of a general hardening of rates.

The fact of prices continuing to tend upwards on the Stock Exchange is pretty conclusive evidence of the abundance of capital.

As soon, however, as producers begin to realise their reduced volume of produce at the lower range of prices now generally current deposits will probably cease to expand.

On this coming about it is not unlikely that rates will stiffen somewhat.

The Canadian Government now requires each importer to possess not less than \$6 dollars on landing.

Commonwealth and State revenue combined last year reached the enormous amount of £28,658,332.

This, of course, includes the earnings of the railways, tramways, and other business undertakings.

Of this revenue the Commonwealth collected £12,533,558, or practically one-third, the

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AFTERNOON.

Copper—Kylow, paid 3/8.
Silver—B.H. South, paid; six weeks five weeks, 57/10; six weeks, 57/10; 58/0; B.H. South Blocks, 10/-; B.H. South, 58/0.

1/4.—Queen Cross Reef, six weeks, 6/10.
Gravelly Mines, 22/-; New Hillgrove, ordinary, two months, 6/-; Mills United, 1/3.
London Central, paid 1/6; Grand West, 1/3.

MINING NOTES.

The No. 4 North Atlantic Company (C) reports a yield of 5300 tons of gold from 31 months.

City managers of the London & Lancashire Coal Co., Ltd., have been asked by the directors to consider the possibility of selling the company's shares at a price which will allow them to retire until Sunday.

The plant of the Great Britain Electric Supply, Ltd., at Embsayville, ran for the second May 9, 127½ hours, and produced 1,000,000 kilowatt-hours.

The directors of the Jamboumbene Copper Company have declared a dividend of 14th of 8 per share, payable on or about May 28.

As far as can be learned from a recent report of the directors of the company it is ambiguous in one place, the Royal Company, at Grange Plains, during the year ending March 15 last, has a return net of 55·10 per cent. mine.

The directors of the Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company have declared a dividend of 1/3, also a bonus of 1/4, per share, payable on or about May 28.

25. The dividend and bonus were a deduction of £105,000. The company has deposited millions of blister copper for the current year.

Private cables state that amongst the quoted on the London Stock Exchange

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